

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to FIG. 4. This sheet, which includes FIGS. 3 and 4, replaces the original sheet including FIGS. 3 and 4. In Figure 4, sensors 15 and 16 and evaluation device 17 are schematically shown and added to the drawing.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

Applicant's attorney thanks the Examiner for the careful consideration given to this application. The claims have been amended to place them in condition for allowance in accordance with the prior indications of allowability. The claim amendments are summarized as follows.

- Claims 1 - 7 are cancelled.
- Claim 8 was previously allowed.
- Claim 9 is cancelled.
- Claim 10 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claim 8 in order to place the claim in condition for allowance.

The matters raised in the Office action are discussed below in the same order as presented by the Examiner.

The objections to the drawings are discussed below with reference to each of the phrases cited by the Examiner.

•The "positioning means" in claim 8 corresponds with the output shaft 6 shown in Figure 1 and referenced at page 7, line 8. The positioning function is described more fully in the subsequent paragraph at page 8, lines 29-34 as follows.

According to the invention, this deviation is counteracted by, for example, temporarily aligning the output shaft not shown in Figure 3 in the opposite diagonal direction, i.e., according to Figure 3, shifting it on the right side in the direction of the arrow 8 in order to thus compensate the slant of the rotating rod 3a.

There is additional discussion of the positioning function at page 4, lines 21-33 and at page 5, lines 20+.

•The "sensors" and "evaluation device" recited in claims 8 and 10 are now shown in amended Figure 4. Particularly, the sensors 15 and 16 together with the evaluation device 17 are schematically shown. These elements were originally described in the application and the specific discussion at page 9 has been amended herein to include the reference numerals. The amendment of the drawing does not raise new matter issues as the elements and their functions were described in the application as originally filed.

The rejection of the claim 10 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, is overcome by amendment. More particularly, claim 10 has been amended to include the substance of claim 8 and the claim has been rewritten in a conventional method format. Most particularly, the amended claim recites

providing the gearwheels with markings or pulse generators to provide gearwheel signals and sensing the gearwheel signals to detect stretched chain links for controlling the position of the rotating rods and the course of the pressing belt in the pressing area.

For the foregoing reasons, pending claims 8 and 10 are in condition for allowance and such action is requested.

If there are any further fees required by this Amendment, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 38759.

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Attachments

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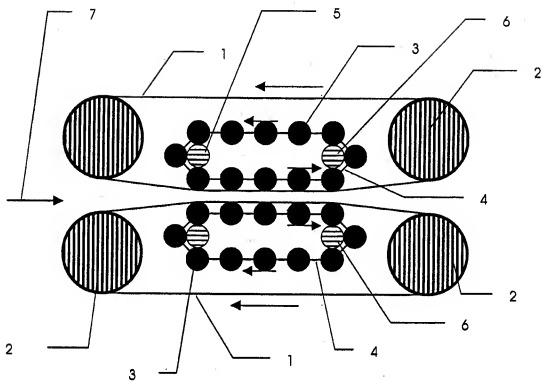


Fig. 1

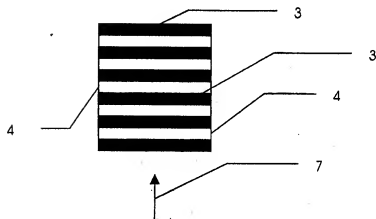


Fig. 2

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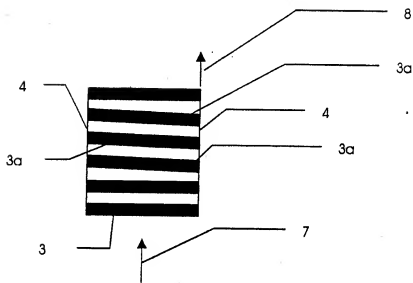


Fig. 3

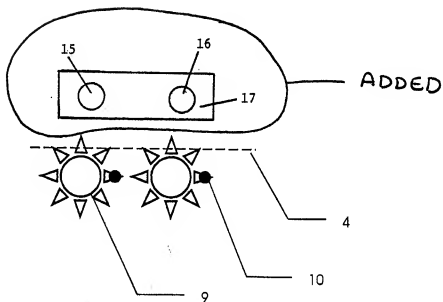


Fig. 4

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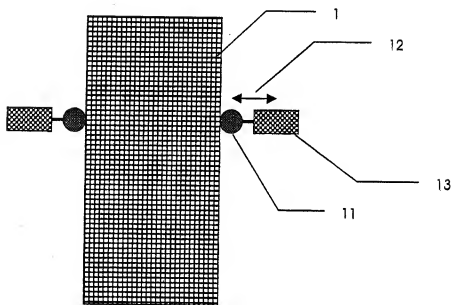


Fig. 5